

Basic Skills Education Program (BSEP)

Overview for “Other” Providers

The Basic Skills Education Program helps fund remediation for Utah high school students who have been unable to pass all of the subtests on the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test (UBSCT) and have scored below a certain score on those subtests. The program pays stipends to remediation providers after the student has successfully passed the UBSCT. The amount of the stipend depends on the student’s score.

Parents have the option of choosing to receive remediation services from a Utah State Office of Education-approved “other” provider, rather than their school district or charter school. School districts and charter schools will identify eligible students and inform the parents of eligible students about the program. These parents are given a “Parent Notification and Declaration” form in order to declare who they have chosen to provide UBSCT remediation to their student. If a parent chooses an “other” provider, he/she will sign the bottom of the form and submit it, along with a copy of the student’s UBSCT results, to the chosen provider. Before accepting a parent’s “Parent Notification and Declaration” form, the provider must disclose to the parent the remediation services being offered, as well as any cost the parents will be charged other than the stipend. If the parent chooses to use the provider for remediation services, the provider will collect the form and verify that the parent has signed the bottom line on the form and not the top. Double signatures are not acceptable. If the parent has mistakenly signed in the wrong place, or in both places, have him/her contact the school district for a new form. Once you have verified the information on the form, forward it to the Utah State Office of Education BSEP Coordinator.

The provider will then provide remediation services to students. Providers are required to notify the Utah State Office of Education if a student stops receiving services for any reason.

Parents may choose to change providers at the end of the student’s junior year. Parents may also change providers when moving to a new school district. In either case, if the student changes providers, qualification for the voucher is based on the **best** previous UBSCT score achieved by the student. If you have questions about a student’s eligibility to change providers or a student’s UBSCT results, please contact Travis Rawlings, USOE, at (801) 538-7601.

After every administration of the UBSCT, the USOE will review the scores of all students for whom a valid “Parent Notification and Declaration” form has been submitted. If a student is successful in passing the UBSCT, the chosen provider receives payment in the amount of the stipend. The chosen provider will receive a summary page of these students and their qualified stipend amount. For “other” providers, the payment will be in one lump sum, as a check made out to the provider.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Travis Rawlings at the Utah State Office of Education at (801) 538-7601, or by e-mail at travis.rawlings@schools.utah.gov. Completed “Parent Notification and Declaration” forms should be mailed to:

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